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Berlin air corridor: A Soviet communication protesting the high-altitude flight of a US C-130 aircraft between Frankfurt and Berlin on 27 March warns that any future incidents of this type could result in "undesirable consequences" for which the US would be "completely responsible." The USSR claims the altitude at which the plane was flying violated the regulations pertaining to guarantees of safety for flights in the corridors which were worked out in the course of many years of "practical experience." The Western position is that there is no ceiling in the Berlin air corridor. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Yemen: Nasir's anti-Communist campaign has produced a "unanimous" reaction against the USSR and Qasim in Yemen, according to the Yemeni deputy foreign minister. Soviet personnel in Yemen have been insulted on the streets, and three Russian pilots were stoned by children in the capital. The Yemeni official also claimed that the Imam is attempting to limit the activities of both the Russians and the Communist Chinese in Yemen. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Cuba: The extent of Communist influence in Cuba was impressed on former Costa Rican President Figueres during his visit there last week. Figueres now definitely regards Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro as an opponent of the leftist non-Communist Latin American revolutionary movement represented by himself and Venezuelan President Betancourt. He expects serious political deterioration in Cuba, after which "anything can happen," including Communist domination.
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Communists Making Headway in Cuba

Former Costa Rican President José Figueres was impressed with the extent of Communist influence in Cuba during his visit there last week. He and his close associate, Gonzalo Facio, returned convinced that the Communists are influential, not only in the Cuban Army and in organized labor, but also in circles close to Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Figueres now definitely regards Castro as an opponent of the leftist non-Communist Latin American revolutionary movement represented by himself and Venezuelan President Betancourt. He expects serious political deterioration in Cuba, after which "anything can happen," including Communist domination. He strongly suspects that there is a nucleus of dedicated Communists in Cuba trying to create a "Hungary in reverse" requiring US armed intervention. This would entail considerable bloodshed and have world-wide repercussions favoring the Communists, he fears.

Figueres' observations were apparently confined to the Havana area. In Oriente Province, where the Communists appear to exert their greatest influence, a group of citizens has found it advisable to disband its anti-Communist civic committee since anti-Communists are being equated with counter-revolutionaries, who are considered close to being traitors in Cuba today. In Oriente, Communists are prominent among the teachers being recruited for the violently anti-US political-indoctrination schools which the government is establishing to teach the illiterate rural masses. The schools are expected to be extended to the rest of the island. (SECRET)



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